on the field to cheer them on. The on the hera the choice, decided to own hill, and for the first part of In hill, and for the first part of the play was confined to centre, rimer at half back broke away are the school could recover carball up field and scored for the From this on the play was in the he backs of both teams having le to do. After the change over ot very long before the school, by do play, carried the ball up in the of the brigade goal, and through issunderstanding between their he ball was let too close in, and an, seeing an opening, drove it for the school, making it even y commenced the hard play of the h teams playing to win, with side having an advantage, until call of time; when the brigade the ball into close quarters, and a free kick the ball was put in, be returned, but Dunn, getting a put it back, scored, for the brigameson, McConnell and Wilson did service for the school, while Lori-Haughton were in evidence for ade.

The second second or

Campbell refereed the game to the Old Country vs. Colonies. esentatives of the Mother Land better generalship on the footbetter generalship on the foot-lon Saturday afternoon and de-he players of the newer land by of three to one. The ground was bad condition owing to the rain, ame down in torrents towards the he Old Country scored their three late first half, in the second half conies making a better showing. Saturday's Match.

was quite a good attendance of s at Caledonia ground on Satur-pnoon, when the Victoria Rugby team met a team representing the but the names of the players put the names of the players for are not obtainable. Victoria sekick-off, and the game was a exciting one from the very start, he first half Victoria secured a three tries, the tries being to Schofield (2), Gamble and Gamble's try was ed to Schofield (2), Gamble and e. Gamble's try was converted by il judged kick by Goward, but the were lost advantage of owing to ad kicking of others. There is room approvement in this regard. In the half a try was secured by Goward, being obtained almost at the last e. The navy did not score at all. playing of the Victoria men has improved since last season, and speciention should be made of the three-ers and backs, in which, compared the navy, they were particularly the navy came very near scoring. the navy, they were particularly. The navy came very near scoring or two occasions, but the backs. It ball out in splendid style. The g of the home team was good, and passing fairly accurate, alin this regard also thereom for a little improvement, salf-backs. Howard and A. Gildid remarkably well. did remarkably wel Midshipman Reddick

nd the forwards were the strongest of the team. Altogether the Vic-am have reason to congratulate lves upon the game they put up, e justified in believing that they will be able to make a good showing the Vancouver team, which they Saturday next at the Caledonia HUNTING. A Good Run

urday proved very favorable for the bers of the Victoria Hunt Club, who ed a splendid run from Hatley park, gh the Metchosin district. 0 0 0 THE TURF.

The Lincoln Autumn Meeting. on, Nov. 7.—At the first day's racing Lincoln autumn meeting to day Mr. whose's brown filly Miss Bounce won ownlow Nursery stakes. Mr. George only Ethelred, ridden by Sloane, d second. Mr. E. Courage's Miss ridge was third was the control of the courage of the ing was third. Ten ho urse, a distance of five fur betting was 5 to 2 agains great Tom stakes was won by Mr. Percy's Kopley. Angelina, ridden by e, was among e'ghteen horses in this but unplaced. Betting was 4 to 1

Fannie Putham Home. a very successful tour through the Mr. W. G. Stevenson's mare, Fantnam, has been brought home for n, and it is expected will still fur-listinguish herself on the track. Her time up to the present is 2.10½, and represents her winnings in purses.

A NEW THEATRE.

roposition on Foot to Provide Victoria, With Another House of Enfertainment.

ere have been sumors for some time an effort would be made to proa theatre equal in every respect to present one, some of those who are ested in matters theatrical believing is room for two first-class instins of that nature in the city. The ement is now taking definite shape. it is likely that in a little while a nencement will be made upon the of transforming the Grim block phoson street into a bright, modern, is intended that the entrance of the use shall be on Yates street, a

below the Dominion hotel, on te side, the stage entrances being hason street, The building can, slight alterations, be converted into ise with a seating capacity of and it is promised by the s of the project that in every rethe convenience of the public will ttended to in the matter of comde accommodation. A stock com-is being formed, the B. C. Land & ment Company, who are interest-the property, being the principal

e new house will work in conjunc-with the new theatre in Vancouver, although it is yet early to go into y of the enterprise being one which at once a credit and a convene to the people of Victoria.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

y Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Office.

etoria, Nov. 7, 5 a.m.—This morning mportant high area, attended by a gold e, is spreading southward over the hwest Territories; the pressure is also along the coast. Show has fallen there and Assimbola, while in Manian esserily enoughter has set in. an easterly snowstorm has set in already over three inches has fall

Minimum Temperatures. erville

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Forecasts.

and Vicinity-Moderate winds, partly cloudy and cool, with occasional showers to night and Tuesday, ver Mainland-Moderate) winds, cool with light frosts te-night, and probably Tuesday

he catch of the whaling fleet in the and Behring sea up to October last was as follows: Grumpus, hales: Beluga, 31: Beleana, 24: hal. 22; Mary D. Hums 210; Kar-6: William Baylies, 6: Jeanette, 2; ka. 1: a total of 138 whales for nine s. This is one of the largest so on record, and represents in figures nearly a millon dollars, accounts for the entire fleet, save Fearless, which was clean when last of, and the Orca, Jessie H. FreeMines and Mining. 

THE OKANAGAN GROUP. A Rossland Company Developing Free Milling Claims.

In Okanagan country just beyond the

Dr. Paul Langhammer, M.E., of Ross-land, has been in the city for several days, says the Spokane Spokesman-Re-view. He is one of the foremost of the mining experts of that camp, was late U. S. mining commissioner for New Mexico and has, according to his on account, operated as a mining expert in all parts of the world where mines exist except in Australia. He came to exist except in Australia. He came to Spokane with S. Thornton Langley, a prominent Rossland mining promoter, to lose a deal with the owners of the Okanagan properties, whereby the new ompany secures entire ownership. During their stay here they have interested a number of Spokane people in the property. In speaking of the claims last evening, Dr. Langhammer said:
"I must confess to a little enthusiasm about this group of claims. I have been

pon many promising properties, but my nterest in them has always ended with he report until I saw this group. The proposition impressed me as so immense that I became interested as a part own-er and have been in charge of the develapment for four menths.

Near Oroville.

"The claims are on the Similkameen ver within about two and a half miles of Oroville. But I will not ask you to take my word regarding the properties. of Oroville. I may be a prejudiced witness, you know. I will submit the report on the properties made by A. Edgecombe, M.E. wrote back to Mr. Langley from the camp as follows: "'I am simply astounded. This sur-

anything I had imagined. passes anything I had imagined. It will be a most payable proposition right from the start. The ore is simply lousy with gold and sylvanite. In fact, one can pan gold from everywhere. It is the best property I have seen for years and reminds me greatly of Australia. must not think I am romancing, this is deadly earnest. I say \$25 my report, but I can positively assure you that there is plenty of ore that will run into \$1,000 per ton. The sylvanite is just like currants in a plum duff and the gold drops out of the cells like peas. "That is rather too enthusiastically expressed," continued the doctor. "but one has to see the property to appreciate its worth. The ore is a friable quartz. During all my working there I never had an assay made. I always tested it by panning. It is absolutely free milling. Associated with the gold is platinum in paring quantity. paying quantity,

Cross Leads on the Claims. "We have cross leads on the claims, which we term the east and west lode and the north and south lode. Where the lodes cross each other we have a shaft down 50 feet in a solid body of ore showing free gold in every pound of it. A lower tunnel is being driven to tap the ore body at 180 feet depth. This tunnel is in 312 feet and at 120 feet it struck a body of ore 30 feet wide. This is the east and west lode. The tunnel will require to be driven 50 feet further to tan the north and south los

The report of Mr. Edgecombe states hat: "Without taking into consideration the ore bodies as already proved by the discoveries in the tunnels, but simply what is proved by the open cut and 50-foot shaft on the north and south lode, there is sufficient to keep a 10-stamp mill and cyanide plant employed for several years. In addition there must be quite 1,500 tons on the dump. In this estimate is not included the immense outcroppings on the several lodes, which contain many more thousands of tons. The ore for several feet from the surface is an oxidized, ironstained quartz; it then becomes white and heavily mineralized, carrying iron pyrites and a heavy per cent, of sylvandisseminated through the whole body The quartz is of a sugary description,

admirably adapted to free milling." Large Per Cent. of Platinum. The report states that alluvial sand covers the lode in places and that this pans good values and shows a large bercentage of platinum, in addition to The gold is both coarse and fine. Mr. Langley, who has had the formation of the new company in hand, says that Spokane people are owners of over 100,000 shares of the stock. Dr. Richter and S. R. Stern are large holders. The company is incorporated for \$80,-000, divided into 5-cent shares, which are being taken up at par.

The camp has the plans drawn for a 10-stamp mill, which will be installed at once. It is stated that a good road runs right to the mines, so that machinery may be hauled in with ease. It s the intention to have the stamps dropping before the winter is over. Dr. Langhammer states that an excellent millsite is to be had near the mouth of millsite is to be had near the more can the working tunnel, so that the ore can the working tunnel, so that the ore can the working tunnel, so that the ore can the working tunnels. He be handled with slight expense. He will have charge of the mine. He states that 29 men are now employed on the

property. A Trial Shipment. mated that a large part of the fine shot for its rich placer diggings, and a con-ike gold sifted hrough the barley sacks siderable amount of the yellow metal in which it was shipped, and as it went was taken out by the old time miners; by way of Penticton and around to Victor and accommender of small outlits are still

pany having the enterprise in hand has width of valley lands from one to three reached the city. The tunnel is said to miles, are a large number of locations have encountered a 12-foot ledge of free at least 100; most of them are found in

milling ore at a depth on the ledge of 1,200 feet. The vein is said to carry a five foot pay chute, whose values are not announced by the company. The tunnel is now about 1,350 feet from its portals and in its progress has encounted.

Wild Horse Creek.

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The correspondent only had time to go over the great of the camp. portals and in its progress has encoun-tered seven well defined veins, proving that values go down in that camp. . .

ENGLISH CANADIAN COMPANY Will Acquire a Number of Rossland Prospects.

In Okanagan country just beyond the contines of the Colville reservation and within about two miles of the international boundary line is a group of five claims which have been developed beyond the prospect stage and which are about to be equipped with a mill and operated extensively. This property is called the Okanagan group and has just passed into the hands of a British Columbia company with headquarters at Rossland. The menuinterested are Rossland. The menuinterested are Rossland, Toronto and Spokane mining men.

Dr. Paul Langhammer, M.E., of Rossland, has been in the city for several Turner president of the advisory loard. On the Landon board of directors to

> of which negotiations are pending comprises: Placer claims on Bonzanza creek Klondike 50 miles of dredging rights in the Northwest territory; three Klondike quartz claims; and the following properties in the Trail creek camps: The Edna, Jennie, S. & C., J. & J., A. B. C., First Clip, Sidney, Early Morn, Mountain Lion, Sea Gull, Philadelphia, Roman Eagle, London Belle and Monterey Mountain Lion Fraction, Gopher Roman Eagle, London Belle and Mon-terey, Mountain Lion Fraction, Gopler Fraction, Homestake Fraction, S. & C. Fraction, Gull's Egg Fraction, Bob o' Link and Vancouver. "These," says the prospectus, "have an area of about 35 acres each, a total of about 750; they have all been select-

ey by competent mining men who have been in constant touch with the Rossland camp since its infancy and kept a close watch on the development of all The famous Le Rolamine, only a mile

and a half distant from these properties, is the most fully developed and consequently the most notable mine in Rossland. It has just been acquired by a powerful London company at a price may be a prejudiced witness, you ow. I will submit the report on the operties made by A. Edgecombe, M.E., Rossland, an expert who gained a manager, W. J. Harris, have arranged manager, W. J. Harris, have arranged Turner its president, and its resident manager, W. J. Harris, have arranged to join this company, the former as president of the advisory board in Canada and Mr. Harris to take charge as general manager of the whole of this company's Rossland properties. It is anticipated that with properties selectwide reputation in Australian mining to join this company, the former as camps. When he went to see the claims president of the advisory board in Canhe wrote back to Mr. Langley from the ada and Mr. Harris to take charge as

late for nor require any cash payments, and as they feel quite certain as to the future value of the shares, they have agreed not to transfer any of their for one year from 1st of September, 1898."

OUR MINERAL WEALTH. Fort Steele the Centre of a Vast Min-

eral Region.

On lower Moyie lake we find the St. gene group of mines, four On the same mountain and in close proximity are the Movie, Queen of the thills, Lake Shore and several others that can become producers and shippers at once. There are some 40 or 50 locations. Across the lake on the west side are some 10 or 12 locations.

On Perry creek, another tributary of the St. Mary's river, are some 30 locations. Lake Shore and several others

the St. Mary's river, are some 30 locabearing district.
On Weaver creek, west of Perry creek, are some 20 locations, all having good

des of copper and galena. Three large companies are actively engaged in developing some 50 or 60 mines. The largest operators are the Selkirk Mother Lode Copper Mines Co. and the British Kootenay Exploration Co., of London, Eng., represented by Capt. T. D. Petty. We also find the Pyramid Kootenay Mining Co., represented by H. B. Thurston, of Nelson, B. C. These three companies hold and control, some 60 locations, and have done a large amount of development work during the past two years. There are some 20 or 30 locations in this vicinity outside of those operated by the three large companies. operated by the three large companies.

All the above mentioned claims are on ager kept on sinking the west side of the Kootenay valley, in The property is equippe Steele, the natural distributing centre of

ley are a series of camps extending from blk river to Wolf creek, a distance of the future mining metropolis of Southers, Northway. On Elk river there are some 70 loca-

tions, all being more or less developed. On Sand creek we find about 30 locations. At this point are situated a num-

by way of Penticton and around to vic- and a number of small status of the smelters, it was working the deep diggings by means of handled 11 times en route. With all tuniels and wing-dams. On Bull river and its tributaries are located some 108 and the smelter returns to show that it yielded \$28.60 in gold and one, and a good showing of mineral. Copper, half ounces silver.

This is not the first Rossland requirement.

Fark by two

the Fort Steele district. The placer grounds are only four miles from the kept quiet, but it would indicate that fown, and have been worked almost continuously since 1804. At present the ment had never known the surface companies working are the East Koottrend of this vein, which is a strong enay Consols, Nip and Tuck, McMillan & Co., and a Chinese company. It is calculated that there is sufficient ground to keep them all monking. to keep them all working for many vears to come.

Since then about 300 locations have been made on Wild Horse and its tributaries.

Among the most promising are the Coronado group of five claims, Dodo group, four claims, Dupont group, four; Colossal group, thiree; Morris group, and the Big Chief group of three claims; the latter was the scene of the latest and richest gold discovery ever made in the showdrop claim, situated close to Midway and belonging to the Highland Queen Consolidated Gold Mining Company, which company also owns the Big Windy and Highland Queen claims, which will be shortly surveyed pending richest gold discovery ever made in the

are recorded.

On Tracy creek, some 60 to 80 claims are recorded; on this creek we find the Estelle mine, owned by Alex. Polson, on which a large amount of development work has been done. A tunnel is now in 460 feet and there are numerous open cuts and drifts. Tracy creek has many promising mineral locations that will soon be heard from as shipping and producing mines.

Lewis creek—There are some 30 locations at this point. P. C. McGrath is working a group of 12 claims, owned by a Montreal syndicate.

Shows up strong and contains good values and a disposition to improve in width and value as each foot in depth is attained.—Midway Advance.

The Okanagan District ducing mines.

Wasa creek is represented by some 20 Wash creek is represented by some 20

Work on the shaft of the Sunbeam claims, owned by the Ruby Gold Mining of them having bright promises of being mines in the near future.

Work on the shaft of the Sunbeam claim, owned by the Ruby Gold Mining & Development Co., is progressing favorably. The ledge is well in place, and ings of the Kootenay river form a most magnificant view. Fort Steele has a population of 1,000, is the seat of the rovincial government, the county court olds its sittings here, it is the hub of

holds its sittings here, it is the hub of the deal was put through by the district, as all roads and trails diverge from Fort Steele. On the east the owner, Arthur Ellis. The Revenue side of the Kootenay river, we find in the vicinity of 1,100 mines and prospects recorded. Nearly three-fourths of all recorded in the district are found in the main range of the Rocky Mountains.

the correspondent of the Spokesman-Review, accompanied by W. T., Mc-Donald, visited the Abe Lincoln, Grand Prize and Deer Park properties on Beer Park mountain. 1911

Mr. McDonald is manager of the Abe Lincoln, and is in charge of the byork tions. This district is noted as a gold- being done on the Grand Prize, and has a thorough knowledge of this section locally known as the "South belt."

The first property visited was the Abe showings of gold-bearing quartz.

The first property visited was the Abe
On Alki creek, another tributary of the Lincoln, situated half a mile from town St. Mary's river, are several large on the south end of Deer Park mouncamps. At this point we find large bodies of copper and galena. Three large was organized in 1896, and the stock is

stringers were encountered, but the man-

by, in The property is equipped with a horse and whim, comfortable boarding houses and the Selkirk range of mountains, and whim, comfortable boarding houses and with the single exception of the Moyle blacksmith shop, and seven men are lake district are supplied from Fort employed.

Adjoining the Abe Lincoln to the East Kootenay.

On the east side of the Kootenay valtion of which was recently made in they are a series of camps extending from these dispatches. Adjoining to the southwest of that property is the Grand southwest of that property is the Grand to Wolf creek, a distance of southwest of that property is the Grand southwest of that property is the Grand to the control of the contro Prize, owned also by an American cor-poration. For some time the property was involved in litigation, but through hard work on the part of Charles Lift-child, the manager at Spokane, this was successfully terminated, and two months ago work was tarted in charge of Supintendent McDonald. This causisted mainly of surface prospect work, and to the credit of the management, be it said that for a remarkably small sum of money they were successful in uncovering two strong leads, the south one being without a doubt the continuation of the Deer Park ledge. Outside of stripping this ledge no further work was done upon it. The surface appear A Trial Shipment.

The mine has made a shipment of 24 tons of Tacoma and Everett for smelter, test. It is not smelting ore, but there was no other way of determining its value. The ore being friable, it is estimated that a large part of the first shot. was done upon it. The surface appear ance of some shows it to be leached out, but there can be little doubt that it is the Deer Park ledge, and that with some work it would over out into the control of the control of

has the smelter returns to show that it yielded \$28.60 in gold and one, and a good showing of mineral. Copper, and half ounces silver.

This is not the first Rossland company to interest itself in Okanagan properties. The British American corporation has two groups of claims under bond and development on Palmer mountain. Mr. Langley states that there is considerable interest in Rossland in the free milling properties in Rossland in the free milling properties in Rossland in the free milling properties in that part of Washington and that Canadians are reaching the conclusion that they may as well emulate the example of their American course in swho made fortunes in Kootenay by coming on this side of the line with their money and making fortunes from our neglected ledges.

Strike on Palmer Mountain.

News of another strike in the big tunnel which is being ruin on Palmer mountain near Loomis by the Spokane company having the enterprise in hand has reached the city. The tunnel is said to have enconnected a 12-foot ledge of free

We now find ourselves at the famous old Wild Horse creek, the scene of early excitement and present success, the earliest wealth producing stream in East Kootenay, and is still pouring riches into the hands of those who have retained an abiding faith in the future of the Port Steele district. The placer

pondent that the vertical shaft was nearing the 300-foot level, where a cross-The first quartz claim located in the fort Steele district is situated on Wild Horse treek; Wth. Voss was the location was made in 1888.

richest gold discovery ever made in the district, assays ranging from \$1,900 to \$12,950 in gold having been received. This vast mineral area is all tributary to Fort Steele.

On Four Mile creek there are some 15 to 20 claims.

On Six Mile creek some 20 to 25 claims are recorded.

On Tracy creek some 60 to 80 claims are recorded: on this creek we find the close to the famous Cariboo property. close to the famous Carboo property.

The parties holding this bond also control beside the Sailor a group of claims which almost surround it, consisting of the Bellview, Toledo, Diamond and On the Sailor men are now at work sinking a shaft just east of the old workings, and so far the ledge

The Okanagan District.

Work on the shaft of the Sunbeam is widening with the depth. Several

of Okanagan lake is now under way. dress, and accompanied him to Colville The indications are excellent. We pre- where the upbound train was met and

Mining operations in the Fort Steele district are being prosecuted with vigor, and it is apparent to all that visit this section of British Columbia that there is a great future for the district.

The North Star comprises a group of 22 claims, situated on what is called Huckleberry Hill. In that vicinity are some 70 or 80 claims or prospects under various stages of development The Sullivan group directly north of the Sullivan group directly north of the above mentioned claims comprises a group of three claims; in the limediate group of three claims; in the district depending on the Beatrice, the Mohawk lead has the best showings of any show heave visited that district. With the extensive development work now being done on the Beatrice, the Mohawk lead has the best showings of any show heave visited that district. With the extensive development work now being done on the Beatrice and wall bring the future for sassured by its minimal to the future for the town of the mountains adjacent to the town of the mountains adjacent to the town of the mountains adjacent to the town of the same ledge. Beyond all doubt the Mosame ledge. Beyond all

A Newfoundland Iron Mine. The new mine at Belle Isle, Conception Bag, Newfoundland, ds described as the most extraordinary of its kind in the world. There is no gaping shaft, no tall chimney, no puffing of steam en-gines or clanking of machinery. About two hundred men work on the surface of the ground, scattered over a considerable area, some with pickaxes, showels and barrows, putting the ore in the wagons, others drill, by steam or hand, holes into the led of ore which is to charged with dynamite. Instead of a mine, it is an open quarry of red hematite iron, which is detached from hematite iron, which is detached from its Bed far more easily than stone in a quarry. The ore lies in a horizontal stratum, three miles in length, and more than a quarter of a mile in breadth, and is about five feet in thickness.

Elise Mine in Ymir Camp. Rossland, B. C., Nov. 4-J. L. Whit-Mining Company, returned to day from Ymir, where he has been measuring up work done by the confractors on the se mine, owned by its company. To Spokesman-Review correspondent he said that the Ymir camp was especially active, and this winter a large amount development work will be accomplish-in the various properties being workand that the camp would certainly

ed, and that the camp would certainly rank as a shipper before spring.

Regarding the Elise mine, which is six and a half miles from Ymir in a northeasterly direction, on the north fork of Wild Horse creek, and Just above the famous Ymir mine, he said:

"Since the present company acquired "Since the present company acquired the property last February we have been doing constant development work, consisting mainly of a 320-foot crosscut to the yein, and a raise from this tunnel,

provement in values.

"The cost of working in this camp is reasonable. Our company has found it much cheaper to do all the work by contract. For instance, our last contract called for 65 feet of a raise and 25 feet called for 65 feet of a raise and 25 feet. a strong lead.

One hundred and fifty feet north and of drifting, and this was done at \$13.50 per foot a most reasonable figure. per foot—a most reasonable agure. The contractors employ five men, and have had this number employed since last February. The company has also completed the erection and fixing up of comfortable quarters, and work will be prosecuted all winter. We shall make no shipments yet, but will simply desirable the property until it is in such attached. velop the property until it is in such at shape that once started shipments will be continuous."

The Famous Sultana. Reports have reached Winnipeg from Rat Portage to the effect that Mr. J. F. Caldwell has disposed of the famous Sultana mine for the sum of \$1,200,000, of which \$250,000 is in cash and the balance in stock, guaranteed at five per

ner the said

In Camp McKinney Mines. with the sinking of a shaft at this point, of Camp McKinney Mines with the sinking of a shaft at this point, of Camp McKinney, B. C. Nov. 2—which is most advantageous for its eco- Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, president of

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supply the mill. supply the mill.

Work progresses favorably in the Waterloo. The shaft is down over 40 feet in a good showing. Dr. J. E. Reddy, of Spokane, paid a flying visit to the claim last Saturday. He was well pleased with the progress made on the claim.

the claim. The Sailer people are pushing work on that property. The shaft is down about 15 feet, and the quartz is showing some galena.

The Sailer has been bonded to 77 R.

Nadeu, R. M. McEntire, F. McDonnell, N. Leplante and the British-American Development Company represented in Toronto by Hand's Geperley. The Sailor was owned by Charles Ditz. It is a free milling proposition. The property is crown granted. Assays running from \$18 to \$300 to the fon have been secured from the ledge. The Cariboo ledge is supposed to run through the property. The price mentioned in the bond is \$15,000. 15,000. Negotiations are about completed for

the sale of the Annie L. fraction, which adjoins the Maple Leaf, one of the Cariboo group, on the west, while on the south it is adjoined by the Sailor and on the north by the Eureka. It is a large fraction, favorably situated. It has a 15-foot shaft upon a well de-

There is a report in camp that an offer has been made for the Eureka claim, which is owned by John Douglas and others. The reopening of this claim, which had a great deal of development done upon it in early days

A slight fall of snow is the first prenition of winter. However, our winers are never severe, considering our Latest Turn of Le Roi Deal.

The British American corporation is making a determined fight for the min-ority stock of the Le Roi Company, and it is predicted in certain quarters that the day is not a fortnight removed when the big corporation can announce its en-tire control of the biggest mine in Ross-land, says the Spokane Review. Thursspecimens, all containing free gold, have been brought in. This property is one of great promise.

Work on the claims on the west side

Work on the claims on the west side anticipated that with properties selected by such men as Mr. Harris, the probability is that several at least among them will prove equally as valuable as the Le Roi."

The indications are excellent. We predict that Vernon will yet become a min dict that Vernon will yet become a min of considerable importance. The indications are excellent. We predict that Vernon will yet become a min of considerable importance of the town to the east, distant only two miles, is that portion of the main range of the Rockies called "the Steeples."

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the course of events connected with the deal. One of them confided to the reporter, however, that the entire matter is in the hands of Senator Turner, and that he is not taking them all into his confidence, because he fears that they will talk too much and expose his

Golden Mining Division. The week has seen the consummation

of two important mining deals, says the Golden Era. By the first the syndicate represented by Mr. T. A. Knowlton has acquired from John Henderson the Certhe Revenue and the Herald wishes the trainty group on the north fork of Fifnew owner every success. A shipping then Mile creek. The group consists of mine will be the result of the work at three claims, the First Chance Last chance and Certainty. These claims are stoke Herald.

A Newfoundland Iron Mine. quarts carrying copper, and there is an to forty feet, with a cross lead running into this at right angles. This cross lead is from 21 to 4 feet in width and lies in the contact between limestone and a trap dyke. In the draw below the lead runs between slate and porphyry and where shots have been put into it excellent ore is shown. The lead into it excellent ore is shown. The lead here rapidly widens and there is splendid float copper lying in the slide stuff beneath. The lead shows ore wherever exposed and has the advantage that it carries good values in gold as well. Timber and water are plentiful. Mr. Knowlton will start development work on this property in the spring.

> He Closed the Cariboo Deal. George B. McAulay, manager of the George B. McAulay, manager of the lately organized Cariboo Consolidated be suggested, but we certainly mink that the company, which took over the assets of something ought to be done in the matter old Cariboo Mining Company of this ter, and done with as little delay as the old Cariboo Mining Company of this ter, and done with as little delay as where he went to close the deal for the sale of the property to the new company, says the Spokane Review. Mr. McAuley was asked last evening if the report that his company will pay monthly dividends next year was true.

Slocan Mining Notes. A sampling of ore sent to the Hall would amount to \$18,000,000. Probably Mines smelter by the Vancouver, Four there is no better informed man about the Mile, gave an average of 364 ounces silver to the ton.

Work enough is being done on the
Pembroke, near Silvertan, for a crown

grant. Gus Kruger has the contract for Some fine ore is being shown by A. Some fine ore is being shown by A. E. Pauquier from a strike on the Convention, on Convention bluff, Silver of this province in the years to come will the work: vention, on Convention bluff, Silver mountain.

Over 200 men are employed in the

nines adjacent to Silverton The Wakefield will, it is estimated, ship 1.600 tons of ore this winter.
W. H. Sandiford is pushing work on Condor group and expects to make of this property, while perhaps not another Bosun, yet a big shipping mine. The property is being surveyed for a rown grant, and everything is being done to perfect title, etc., to put it on a permanent established footing as a

The Congo is in trouble. A mechanic's lien has been levied upon the two-thirds interest held by F. L. Bryon by Gus Kruger, Robert R. and Geo. A. McDon-This is for work done on the property in the past month or two.

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Five was resumed some months ago that great galena producer has improved year greatly. Immense bodies of ore have been struck and it is said the property will be a steady shipper again by the first of the year.

Late improvements at the Queen Bess have made that mine the best equipped in many ways of the Slocan. The buildings for the accommodation of the men employed there are the most comfortable and the most conveniently arranged.

A two-foot ledge is showing on the Baby Fraction adjoining the Noonday, and the ore gives evidence of this being the Noonday lead.

On the Bosun property a force of twenty-five men is working and ore

the St. S. St. on Friday

The precious metals, gold and silver, have always been regarded as the proprospects of the camp.

A brenkdown in the compressor in the Cariboo has caused a temporary return to hand labor in getting out ore to which, with all else contained therein, and been granted to an individue. This rule is and always has been the law of all British colonies, as well as in Great Britain, so much so, that the ownership in these metals, gold and silver, in the railway belt transferred to the Dominion was held to remain vested in the crown, in right of the province, notwithstanding the conveyance of that land by the province to the Domnion. Similarly, the indicial committee of the privy council decided that the convey-ance to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Rail-

way Company of the land granted to them Jid not convey any right to the precious metals, that the province was still the owner of these. This ownership of the crown in these metals, carrying with it, as it necessarily must, the night of access, is, of course, the basis of our mining laws under which the crown authorizes its licensee, the free miner, to enter, not only upon lands remaining in its possession but upon lands already alienated, to search for and appropriate to his own use the gold and silver thereon. latter case, it is true, the owner of the land entered upon is entitled to be com-pensated for damage done.

So long as mining in British Colum-

bia was confined to placer digging, the rights of all parties were sufficiently clearly defined, and the crown was able to place its licensee, the free miner, in a position to realize the full benefit of any claim he might discover. When, discover. dowever, it was found that, with the exhaustion of the placer mines, other and velopment done upon it in early days more permanent sources of supply existof the camp, would be a welcome event ed in the mineral bearing ledges of the ed in the mineral bearing ledges of the province, these ledges seldom carrying either gold or silver alone, it became necessary to legislate directly so that the rights of its licensees might be pro-

tected. In 1891 accordingly it was enacted that in all future crown grants all minerals should be reserved. When we consider, in all the mines now shipping ore from Kootenay, what a considerable proportion the value of the baser metals-e.g., lead and copper-bear to the total value of the ore shipped, the necessity of this provision will be apparent.

So far as mines located on the waste lands of the crown, or on lands which had not been alienated prior to 1891, are concerned this precaution has been effectual; but, with the continuous discovery of mineral bearing ledges, not only in the large areas covered by various railway lands granted (or the title to which was acquired) prior to 1891, but in lands in the older settled portions of the province (titles to most of which were obtained many years ago), the legislature have now to face the question of how best to preserve the rights granted to the holders of these lands without impairing the existing rights of the crown, or hampering the development of the mining industry of the province.

That the question is a difficult one we frankly acknowledge, but it is better that it should be grappled with now, when the mining interests in these parts of the country are in their infancy, than laters. This is a question legislation on which (as dealing with the rights of the crown) can only be introduced by the government, have sufficient confidence in the members of the present executive to believe that the difficulty of the task will not prevent them from bringing forward legislation of some kind that will remedy the present unsatisfactory condition

of the law. As to how this end may be best atfained without unfair treatment of existing interests we must leave to the wisdom of the legislature. Possibly something along the lines suggested by Mr. Sword last session might effect the desired result His suggestion was, briefly, that mineral claims located on fands deeded before 1891 might be classified either as quarts carrying copper, and there is an immense showing, the lead in the draw of the base; 'base' when the value of being exposed for a width of from ten the base metals exceeded the value of to forty feet, with a cross lead annular the precious that the precious; that, in the former case, all mineral in the claim, whether precious or base, should belong to the free miner; in the latter, to the owner of the

Another suggestion which has been made is that the legislature should reassume possession of all the mineral in such deeded land, should open the same to location by the free miner, in the same manner as in the case of land deeded since 1891, and should conserve the rights of the present owners by pro viding that mineral located in such land should be subject to the payment of a specific royalty to the owner of the land. There are, no doubt, objections to either of these solutions of the difficulty, and some better means than either may be suggested, but we certainly think that

THE SILVER QUESTION.

At the meeting of the Bankers' Association held in Toronto recently, Mr. W. R. Wilkie, governor of the Imperial bank and president of the association, in the open-ing address, predicted that the output of the Kootenay and Yukon in gold in 1899 resources of the country generally and their possibilities than Mr. Wilkie, who has sources of information not open to all men. Being a banker and, therefore, a gold man, it was not surprising that of this province in the years to come will be far more important to Canada and the world than the gold. With silver at a standard value consistent with its commercial uses among the nations, the mines of the Kootenay would make British Columbia the richest area on earth and would directly and indirectly benefit millions. We know that the question of the appreciation of silver is a vexed one which has led to marked political divisions and caused much alarm, not to say dread, among the people of the United States, yet it is plain that it is a simple one which could be easily dealt with. It is merely a matter of public confidence. But at the present time the gold party is in the ascendant, both in this country, and in Great Britain and those who hold strong views on the silver question must bide their time. And that time will come when the capitalists have acquired the principal silver properties. They are now engaged in getting possession of them and when they have complete control they will not be content with the return which silver at 60 and 61 gives them. They will look for something better, and as the power of getting what they want lies with the capitalists they will have it. With silver on a party with gold, as it should be, an impetus would be given to industry in this country. In the United States and in Australia such as could result from no other cause. And should ever Anglo-Saxon union come about we expect to see this highly important matter of a double standard in coinage given the consideration it deserves, setting aside all the perplexities and confusions to which discussion of this subject has given rise. Great Britain and the United States have but to agree upon this subject and the world would accept their dietim. "As we said before, it is but a matter of public confidence and parliament and congress can establish that confidence so that it cannot be shaken. Nelson be far more important to Canada and the twenty-five men is working and ore shipments are being made at the rate of public confidence and shipments are being made at the rate of and congress can establish that 120 tons per month. It is likely that a so that it cannot be shake considerable addition will be made to Miner. cannot be shaken.